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OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL HEAD AND SIGNAL REPRODUCING METHOD
(Title of the Invention)

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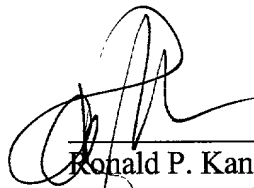
The benefit of the filing date of the following prior application filed in the following foreign country is hereby requested and the right of priority provided under 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Appl. No. 2000-118554 filed April 14, 2000

In support of this claim, filed herewith is a certified copy of said original foreign application.

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